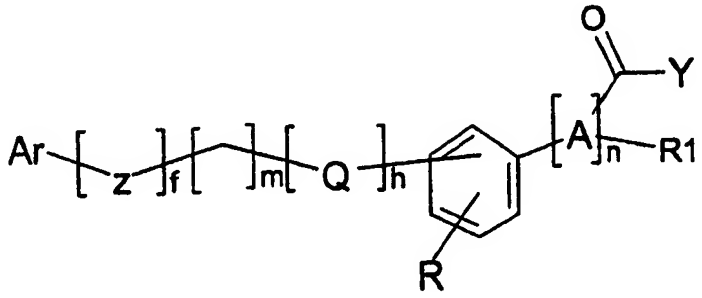
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A compound of Formula (I):



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where:

A is CH; alkanylilidene with 2 to 4 carbon atoms or alkenylilidene with 2 to 4 carbon atoms;

Ar is phenyl ~~optionally~~ substituted by halogens, ~~NO_2, OH,~~ C_1-C_4 alkyl ~~and alkoxy~~, said alkyl ~~and alkoxy optionally~~ substituted by at least one halogen;

f is the number 0 or 1;

h is the number 0 or 1;

m is a whole number from 0 to 3;

n is the number 0 or 1 and if n is 0, R_1 is absent, and COY is directly bound to benzene;

Q is oxygen;

Z is selected from the group consisting of NH, 0, ~~[[S,]]~~ NHC(O)O, NHC(O)NH, ~~NHC(O)S,~~ OC(O)NH, ~~S(CO)NH,~~ C(O)NH, and NHC(O);

R is selected from R_2, and OR_2;

R_1 is selected from H, COW, SO_3-, OR_3, =0, CN, and NH_2,

R_2 is selected from H, or a straight or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, optionally substituted by at least one halogen;

R_3 is selected from H, straight or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl, optionally substituted by at least one halogen,

W is selected from OH, OR_4, and NH_2;

R_4 is straight or branched C_1-C_4 alkyl;

Y is selected from OH, OR_5, and NH_2;

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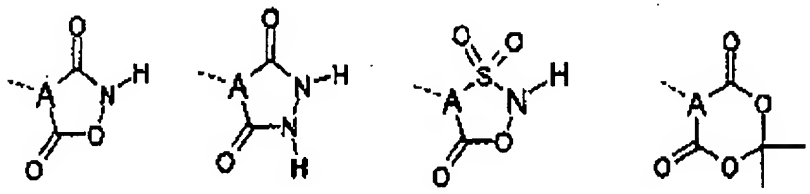

their pharmacologically acceptable salts, racemic mixtures, individual enantiomers, geometric isomers or stereoisomers, and tautomers.

2. (Canceled).

3. (Currently Amended) A compound according to claim 1, in which Ar is ~~an aryl,~~ ~~optionally~~phenyl substituted by one or more halogen atoms, alkyl, ~~alkoxy~~ or ~~lower~~ haloalkyl, ~~nitro, mono- or di-alkylamine,~~ and ~~preferably~~ f is 0, m is 0, 1 or 2, Q is oxygen or HNC(O)O, and R is hydrogen.

4. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1, where R_1 is COW.

5. (Currently Amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of:

~~Dimethyl 4-[2-[4-(dimethylamino)phenyl]ethoxy]benzylmalonate;~~

Dimethyl 4-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethoxy]benzylmalonate;

5-[4-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethoxy]phenylmethylene]-thiazolidine-2 ,4-dione;

5-[4-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethoxy]phenylmethyl]thiazolidine-2,4-dione;

Dimethyl 3-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethoxy]benzylmalonate;

~~Dimethyl 3-[2-(phenyl)ethoxy]benzylmalonate;~~

Dimethyl 3-[N- (4-trifluoromethylbenzyl)carbamoyl]-4-methoxybenzylmalonate;

Dimethyl 4-methoxy-3-[2-(4-chlorophenyl)ethoxy]benzyl-malonate:

~~Dimethyl 3-(2-phenylethoxy)-4-methoxy benzylmalonate;~~

~~Dimethyl 4-[2-(4-methoxyphenyl)ethoxy]benzylmalonate;~~

~~Dimethyl 4-[3(4-methoxyphenyl)propyloxy]benzyl-malonate;~~

~~(2S)-2-benzoylamino-3-[4-[(4-methoxybenzyl)-carbamoyl-]oxypheny]ethyl propanoate;~~

~~Dimethyl 4-[[(4-methoxybenzyl)carbamoyl]oxy]benzyl-malonate;~~

Dimethyl 4- [[(4-trifluorotolyl)carbamoyl]oxy]benzyl-malonate;

Dimethyl 4-[[(2 ,4-dichlorophenyl)carbamoyl]oxy]benzyl-malonate;

Dimethyl 4-[[(4-chlorophenyl)carbamoyl]oxy]benzyl-malonate;

~~Dimethyl 4-[[(4-nitrophenyl)carbamoyl]oxy]benzyl-malonate;~~

~~Dimethyl 3-[[(4-methoxybenzyl)carbamoyl]oxy]benzylmalonate;~~

~~Dimethyl 3-[[(4-butylphenyl)carbamoyl]oxy]benzyl-malonate;~~

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Dimethyl 3-[[(4-chlorophenyl)carbamoyl]oxy]benzyl-malonate;

(Z)-2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-(4-chloro-phenyl)ethoxy]-phenyl] ethyl propenoate;

(E)-2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-(4-chloro-phenyl)ethoxy]-phenyl]ethyl propenoate;

~~(R,S) 2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-(phenyl)ethoxy]phenyl]ethyl propanoate;~~

(R,S)-2-ethoxy-3-[4-[2-(4-chloro-phenyl)ethoxy]-phenyl-]methyl propanoate;

5- [3- [2- (4-chlorophenyl) ethoxy] phenylmethylene] thiazolidine-2,4-dione; and

5- [3- [2- (4-chlorophenyl) ethoxy] phenylmethyl]-thiazolidine-2. 4-dione

~~3-[[(4-methoxybenzyl)carbamoyl]oxy]-benzylmalonate~~.

6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition containing at least one compound according to claim 1 in mixtures with pharmaceutically acceptable vehicles and/or excipients.

8. (Canceled).

9. (Previously Presented) A method for the treatment of type 2 diabetes, Syndrome X, insulin resistance and hyperlipidemia comprising administering to a subject in need of same an effective amount of a compound of claim 1.

10. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 9 in which type 2 diabetes is treated.

11. (Canceled).

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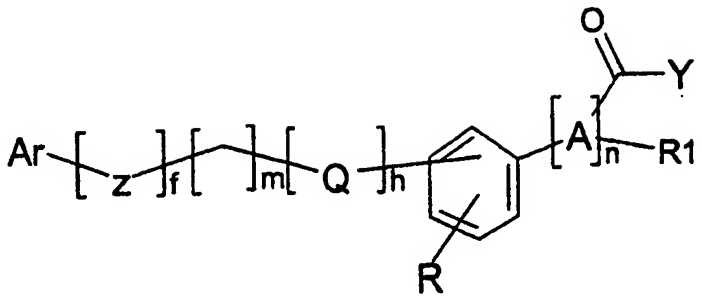

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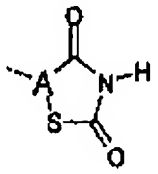

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